

I oppose LD1146 because it threatens all of the hard work that I have done to diversify and rely on Maines working waterfront. As a small scale aquaculture operation I have been able to co-exist with fisherman and women with no issues. I have been able to create jobs hiring local fisherman to work on my farm. I see no examples of the current leasing system being broken. Attacking the entire industry over isolated conflicts is not the answer. I feel that the MAA is more than capable of finding constructive solutions without derailing the industry. Maines working water front does not need another enemy. There is a way for us all to co-exist, and LD1146 is not the answer. I have been able to consult with all fisherman in the vicinity of my farm and confirm that it is located in an area that does not interfere with their operations. Forcing rules and regulations on people that operate like me is only going to further damage our ability to earn money on Maines waters.